



Glan Llyn Primary School  
Ysgol Gynradd Glan Llyn

*Autumn Newsletter 3 – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023*

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### **End of Autumn Term**

It's been a very long term but another successful one. The school has grown significantly again and we now have over 400 pupils on roll. We are so pleased that our new children have settled well and as always, our existing pupils and staff have welcomed them warmly and have helped them to integrate successfully into life at Glan Llyn. We are now in a position where unfortunately, applications for Nursery and Reception have started to exceed our published Admission Number so a reminder to ensure that you all apply for school places by the published deadline dates in order to avoid disappointment.

As always, the children have done themselves proud in their end of term Christmas celebrations. Our infant performances, junior carol concerts and LRB and Nursery craft sessions have been wonderful and we thank you for your ongoing support of the school in enabling them to progress so well in their learning and wellbeing.

A reminder that Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December is an INSET Day. Staff have already undertaken additional twilight training across the term and so school will close for the year on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Pupils return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January and we look forward to welcoming our new Rising 3 Nursery pupils later that week.

On behalf of all the staff and governing body, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

### **Staffing**

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Miss Gill and Miss McKay who officially leave us this term. We would like to wish them well for the future in their new careers. Miss B Davies, who has been teaching Y2 through an agency this term, also leaves us to take up a new teaching position closer to home. Additionally, both Miss Moyle and Mrs Cueto have now started their maternity leaves. We also wish the following teaching assistants best wishes for their futures: Miss Kembrey (LRB2) and Miss Hamma (LRB1).

We can now officially welcome the following teachers to Glan Llyn: Mr Marshall (Year 1), Miss Evans (Year 2), Miss Westacott (Year 2), Mrs Bardsley (Reception Maternity Cover) and Miss Phillips (Y1 Maternity Cover).

We look forward to an exciting Spring and Summer term ahead. Please find some key dates for these terms on Page 2 of the newsletter.

### **Attendance**

The Governing Body have set an attendance target this year of **94%**

Mrs Morris monitors attendance closely and will work with families to support children who may be struggling. Please check SeeSaw for information related to Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). If your child's attendance dips below a certain level, you may receive a letter to ask for medical evidence for any future absences or to request a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss a plan to make improvements over time. The Education Welfare Officer may also become involved and in some cases, fixed penalty notices may be issued by the Local Authority for persistent non-attendance.

Our attendance as of 20<sup>th</sup> December currently stands at **94.9%**. This is fantastic!

We are also so pleased that so many children have achieved their "Strive for 95%" attendance awards this term. These will be presented to them in assembly on the last day of term.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work in ensuring that the children attend school regularly. This has a positive impact on their progress in learning.

## Diary Dates –Spring/Summer 2024

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Last Day of Term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET Day 4
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School Holidays
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
W/C 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Midpoint Assessment Week (Y2-Y6 Hwb Online Assessments)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-term
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Doors (3:45-5:45)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day / Eisteddfod
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
W/C 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent-Teacher Reflection Meetings
18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery Spring Concert 10am and 2pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Holidays
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Swimming (3 week block)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 Curriculum Showcase 10am
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery Welcome Meeting 4pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Colorfoto Class Photos
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half-term
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week (Y2-Y6 Hwb Online Assessments)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Welcome Meeting 4pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Doors (3:45-5:45)
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Curriculum Days at LHS
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Transition Day to LHS
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4-6 Musical
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Concert 2pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> July – Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> August	School Holidays

**May Day: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### INSET Days:

**INSET 1:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

**INSET 2:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**INSET 3:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**INSET 4:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

**INSET 5:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**INSET 6:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024



*Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!*

## Safeguarding

The school's Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP) is Mrs Richards (Headteacher), and the Deputy DSPs are Mrs King (Deputy Head) and Mrs Ryan (Assistant Head). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are concerned about a child. If there is a safeguarding concern about the headteacher, you should contact the designated safeguarding governor, Alan Jiankos on [jiankosa5@newportschools.wales](mailto:jiankosa5@newportschools.wales)

Please note that there may be occasions, whereby the school need to make a referral to social services in relation to disclosures that children make in school. Please note that this reporting process is a statutory requirement of professionals and we are unable to discuss the nature of these referrals with parents unless specifically advised to do so by the Safeguarding Hub. Whilst this may be concerning and sometimes distressing for parents, please be reassured that all referrals are confidential and made in the best interests of the child.

## Safeguarding in the Community

A reminder that safeguarding children is everyone's business. If you ever have a concern about a child in the community, you can contact social services at Newport City Council via the number on their website.

## Parking Outside of the School Site

Unfortunately, we continue to be made aware of disrespectful and unsafe parking around the school grounds at busy times. A polite reminder that if driving to school at the start and end of the school day, please park legally and respectfully and avoid the grass verges which causes damage to the surrounding areas and could pose a safety risk for our pupils.

## Health and Safety

It has been brought to our attention that the reens outside of the school grounds have been accumulating large amounts of water from the heavy rainfall and may also become icy in the cold weather. For safety reasons, please remind your children not to access these areas when they are walking to and from school or playing outside without supervision.

*Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,  
Mrs Richards and staff*